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B & M TO REPAIR BRIDGE

Repair on the Shawsheen Ave. Bridge should start within three or four weeks, it was learned at the Selectmen's meeting Monday night.

The Boston and Maine, in a meeting in the office of Commissioner De Natali of the Department of Public Works on Friday, agreed to repair the Shawsheen Avenue Bridge to its former bearing capacity of eight tons. The Town of Wilmington was represented at the meeting by Town Manager Joseph Courtney. There were five representatives for the Department of Public Works, and four from the Boston and Maine Railroad.

The decision to repair the bridge to its former condition followed a lengthy discussion on the bridge problems of the town, with the B&M and the town often taking opposite views.

B&M "Solution"

One solution which the B&M offered was the re-routing of Route 129 so as to avoid the Shawsheen Ave. Bridge. According to this plan, Route 129 would run parallel to the railroad tracks to Burlington Ave. and would cross the railroad at the Burlington Ave. Bridge.

In the name of the town, Mr. Courtney opposed this plan because of the added congestion and confusion for traffic in Wilmington Square. The Department of Public Works agreed with the town's position in this matter.

Second Suggestion

Another proposal met with tentative approval of all parties concerned. This was a suggestion that Route 129 be re-located permanently to the Bridge Lane route, with the state building a new bridge there. It was pointed out that the approaches to a new bridge at Bridge Lane could be made wide and safe, in contrast to the possibilities at Burlington Ave. or Shawsheen Avenue. Further explorations will be made in this direction. No commitments have been made by any party as yet.

Traffic Count

All the bridges of Wilmington came under discussion during the meeting, although no definite decision was made in re-



SYMBOLIC OF THE GROWTH OF THE TOWN IS THE NEW METHODIST CHURCH, NOW NEARING COMPLETION. PARISHIONERS MAY BE WORSHIPPING IN THIS NEW CHURCH NEXT EASTER.

gards to bridges other than the Shawsheen Bridge. The Dept of Public Works is conducting a traffic count and flow study which eventually should help in solving the problems of the Wilmington bridges.

Heavy Traffic

In restoring the Shawsheen Avenue Bridge, the B&M wants the bridge closed to heavy traffic. No decision has been made on this as yet, but there is a possibility that there will be such a prohibition.

If the suggestion for re-routing Route 129 is adopted, the railroad would like to close Shawsheen Avenue Bridge to all but foot traffic. Mr. Courtney strongly opposed this view, and insisted that the bridge remain open to passenger traffic and to delivery trucks.

Question of Elevation

The elevation of Shawsheen Avenue Bridge also meant a disagreement between the town and the railroad. The town would like the elevation reduced, thus making the passage safer for vehicular traffic. The railroad wanted to increase the elevation. A compromise was met whereby the railroad agreed to repair the bridge at its present capacity.

drainage project. Such a project would tie up one lane of a road which is seeing extra hard usage because of the condition of the Shawsheen Ave bridge.

Taxi Cab Fares

Taxi cab drivers of the town are invited to meet with the Selectmen next Monday to discuss thoroughly the increase in fares which the cabmen propose.

RESUMPTION OF EVENING SCHOOL CLASSES

Evening School Classes of the Adult Education Group in the Practical Arts School will resume of January 7th for the Tuesday evening classes and on January 9th for the Thursday classes.

Cake Decorating Classes will be held Jan 7, 9, 14, 16 and 21

SCHOOL BUDGET

The School Budget, as released by the School Committee calls for a total of \$619,725. This represents an increase of \$89,674 over last year's budget.

Reflected in this increase are a new salary schedule, with a minimum of \$3800.00, a \$500.00 adjustment increase to all teachers, differential adjustments to all supervisory personnel, and provision for eleven new teachers in Sept. 1958.

As reported in another column of this paper, the dependency allowance will be discontinued in September.

NEW VOTERS REGISTRATION

Registration of new voters will take place on Thursday January 2nd at the Town Hall. Eligible personnel can be registered between the hours of 12 noon and 10 p.m. according to information received from Mrs. Esther Russell, Town Clerk.

POLIO VACCINE CLINIC EXTENDED

The Board of Health has been given authorization by the State Department of Health to extend the polio vaccine clinic. There is a surplus amount of vaccine which is due to expire in the month of February, 1958, Mr. Patrick Thibau, Board of Health Agent, explains.

Polio vaccine can be supplied free to anyone under the age of forty if the physician obtains this vaccine through his local health department at once (not later than January 10, 1958).

For pre-school age children, the Board of Health is planning to establish a clinic in the latter part of January. Parents with children already registered with the Board of Health who have not received three inoculations will be notified as to time, place, and date of the clinic. Parents with pre-school age children who have not previously registered their children with

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SELECTMEN'S NOTES

At its meeting on Monday evening at the Town Hall, the Selectmen renewed licenses for the following individuals or firms:

Fred Cain, James Lawrence, John Grove, Larz Neilson (auctioneer) Angelo Pasquale, J. Ritchie, McLaughlin, Hourihan, Cain's Garage (Class II), Gildart's (Class I), Fred Cain (Class I), Reynold's Corporation, William Rich (Class II). Licenses involving the selling of victuals are subject to approval by the Board of Health.

Reclaim Lots

The Selectmen unanimously voted to allow Fred Corum to redeem certain lots in Silver Lake Manor which had been forfeited through failure to pay taxes. Although this is contrary to the usual policy, the Selectmen thought it only fair to permit the land to be redeemed. The question was a very complicated one, going back for a number of years and involving wrong assessments by the town on certain lots.

Glen Road School

The Board decided to issue an invitation to the Glen Road School Building Committee, the School Committee, the Finance Board, and Superintendent of Schools to meet with the Selectmen on January 8th to discuss the status of the proposed Glen Road School. The Selectmen want to be assured that the town is getting what it wants, and that the school is not being pared down to a shell.

Bridge Lane Drainage

The drainage problem at the intersection of Bridge Lane was discussed at length. Admitting the seriousness of the problem, the Board nevertheless felt that the present was not the time for any major



INTERIOR OF HOUSE ON COOK HILL WHERE SHEBANY'S BODY WAS FOUND ON SUNDAY.

NO FOUL PLAY IN DEATH OF RECLUSE

An autopsy performed on Monday on the body of Joseph Shebany revealed that there had been no foul play involved in his death. The body had been found on Sunday, lying on the floor with the head against a wall. Scratches and bruises led the police to think that the 85 year old recluse might have been by

other than natural causes. It is now believed that the toppled chairs, table, cabinet and pot-bellied stove were dislodged by Shebany in his last moments.

Shebany, who was practically blind, lived in a small house off Cook Avenue, near the Woburn line.

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1957

As the end of 1957 approached a great scar
began to be one of the prominent features of
Wilmington - a scar which will become the new
Route 28 - a "double-barrelled" express highway
stretching across seven miles of the town, pro-
viding faster road connections from Boston to
New Hampshire - and, as some people point out,
the Rockingham Race Track.

Down on Lowell Street a huge pile of masonry
and concrete, now about half completed, is to
be the future laboratories of the great AVCO
company - a \$15,000,000 building which will cer-
tainly be one of the more notable features of
Wilmington in future years.

But neither of these items is the story of
Wilmington in 1957 - nor is the great drought
which is the story of other places. Wilmington
fortunately had a Water Department which allevi-
ated many places within town - although there
were families who had to carry water, and as
the year ended, in the mildest Christmas season
since 1923, torrential rains nearly flooded the

town and incidentally washed away much of the new
lawn seed which had been hopefully planted this
fall.

Another building in town - the New Methodist
Church is perhaps more of a story. Like other
parishes engaged in the building of a new home,
the Wilmington Methodists have mortgaged them-
selves to the hilt in order to provide a new
house of worship. Probably the Wilmington Meth-
odists will be using their new structure by
Easter. All faiths and creeds of Wilmington can
join in wishing them good for time to come.

But even that is not the story of the year.
The new houses built in this town, too, do not
constitute the story. There have been many, and
those which were in the 12 to 16 thousand dol-
lar class have sold well, even though houses in
the class of over \$20,000 have moved slowly.

The story of the year lies in a building
that was never built - and as the year's end
approaches seems as though it will never be
built - the Off Glen Road School.

Termed at times by this paper as the "Be-
jinxed School" it had been planned on lines
that would perhaps be described as "Calif-
ornian" - a group of buildings with connecting
walks. The School Committee objected to open
walks because of our New England Climate, and
the result could neither be described as Calif-
ornian or New England.

Then the committee in charge began to have
its troubles. They had designed a school which
was to have a minimum of upkeep costs. They had
designed a school which was planned to be easy
on the taxpayer's pocketbook, in terms of jani-
tor and upkeep services. At the same time they
designed a school which would cost about 20 to
25% more than other contemporary schools.

The facts, revealed in this paper, brought
the town to its collective feet, and in a memo-
rable town meeting the town instructed the com-
mittee (and all future committees) to reduce
the building costs. Never, perhaps, was the
temper of the town so plainly exhibited as in
that meeting.

At the year's end, no one seems to know
exactly in what status the prospective school
is. The selectmen are planning to invite the
School Building Committee, The Finance Board,
The School Committee and the Superintendent of
Schools to a joint meeting on January 8th to
take stock of the situation. At the conclusion
of that meeting, maybe we will have some indi-
cation as to what kind of school we will get.

It is that story which is the story of 1957
as far as the town of Wilmington is concerned -
the expression of the thought by the people, and
by the town officials, that Wilmington should
not commit itself to a program of school pal-
aces.

TOWN MEETING - CORRECTION

Last week we stated that a Special Town Meet-
ing would be held on January 20th for the pur-
pose of changing the By Laws. The date is cor-
rect, but the purpose is wrong. The purpose of
the meeting is to vote once again on the pro-
spective bond issue for an addition to the High
School.

The whole thing stems from a technicality. At
the town meeting when the bond issue was origi-
nally voted, the Finance Committee made a "No
Action" report. The authenticating attorneys in
charge of Bond Issue claim that a "No Action"
report is not a report; only a recommendation
of approval or disapproval is a report. Accord-
ing to this interpretation, to go ahead with
the bond issue would be violating the By Laws

TOWN NOTES

Weather

Well, you know how it was. No
rain through Christmas, and
then on the 26th we got it. On
Thursday 1.15 inches fell. It
cleared up on Friday, and then
Saturday night it let loose
again. .34 fell on Saturday
and .04 on Sunday morning. It
cleared up by the time you got
out of church.

That makes 1.53 inches for
the week. That would have been
over a foot of snow had the
temperature been different.

Incidentally, we have had a
total of 31.85 inches of pre-
cipitation during the past
year, roughly 20 inches under
normal.

September had only .89 inches
while four inches a month are
considered about average.

Other than November, which
had 6.40 inches, every month
during the past year failed to
meet average precipitation.

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Left-Overs

Left in the Wilmington Post
Office: 1 pair child's gloves;
1 box of yarn with a partly
knitted article; 1 pair foot-
lets.

Left in the North Wilmington
Post Office: 1 bunch of keys;
1 school pencil purse, 1 foun-
tain pen.

Owners may claim by making
proper identification, particu-
larly of that partially fi-
nished knitted article. What
is it?

Christmas Leave-Marine

Pvt William D. Rosa of the
United States Marine Corps has
been spending his Christmas
leave with his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Michael Rosa of Ken-
dall Street. Pvt Rosa was re-
cently declared 'Recruit of
the Day' at the Marine Base at
Parris Island, South Carolina.

Christmas Leave-Air Force

Airman Second Class Walter
Rogers is spending his Christ-
mas leave with his parents, Mr
and Mrs. Walter Rogers of Shady
Lane Drive, North Wilmington.
Walter just recently got
his promotion.

Christmas Leave-Bio-Physicist

Not to be listed among the
college students home for the
holidays is the name of Miss
Ann Buzzell of Middlesex Ave.
Ann, the daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Philip Buzzell is home
from the University of Pitts-
burg at Pittsburg, Pa. Since
1950, she has been a bio-phys-
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of the town. Hence the Town Meeting: to make sure everything is legal.

Our column last week was based on a plan to hold the meeting for the purpose of changing the By-Laws to clear up the technicality. This plan met much opposition from certain quarters, and was discarded.

The idea of having a "No Action" report by the Finance Committee mean that the town can then vote on such a report is not regarded very favorably by the members of that committee. As things now stand "No Action" means in other words a gentle "No". It means that the Finance Committee has not been furnished sufficient information so that they can wholeheartedly say "Yes".

They prefer to keep things that way - and that "No Action" will mean that they do not approve of an article and at the same time they do not disapprove.

If "No Action" is to have its interpretation changed so that it can mean a favorable report the Finance Committee will be forced in circumstances where they now say "No Action" to say "No", and that is a very much harsher word.

The bond issue is for the purpose of increasing the size of the High School. The \$400,000 plus a transfer of \$80,000 from previous construction bonds will build fourteen additional class rooms plus additional shop facilities. Such an addition should take care of the needs of High School personnel for some ten or fifteen years to come.

We hope that the technicalities can be cleared up and the addition built as planned. It would alleviate conditions greatly, come next September.

THE SALARY SCHEDULE

The Wilmington School Committee has recently released the new salary schedule for teachers effective this coming September.

From time to time, school committees and other public officials have been advised by all and sundry to adopt the methods of business. Whether such advice is always feasible is another question; but in the case of the salary schedule, the committee has done just that.

It's no secret that big business uses all kinds of inducements to get, and to keep, its trained men. Longevity pay, salary increments, training at the expense of the company, not to mention such fringe benefits as Christmas bonuses or fancy expense accounts, have long been used by business to induce employees to remain with the firm.

The new salary schedule is based on similar principles: a base pay which allows Wilmington to compete with towns of similar size for well-qualified teachers, salary increases for experience and pursuit of professional education, and partial payment for tuition in that pursuit if the teacher concerns elects to remain in Wilmington.

We do not think that any fair person can argue with the adoption of such principles in a salary schedule for teachers. If we didn't realize it before, we do now: the proper education of our young can be literally a matter of the nation's survival.

With this approval of the general principle involved, one still can have some mis-givings; and this is not necessarily a reflection on the committee's solution to a difficult problem, but a reflection on our educational goals throughout the United States. So you'll forgive us if we ask some questions that have been bothering us:

How do you lure and keep capable scientists away from industry to the classroom?

How do you lure and keep capable mathematicians away from industry to the classroom?

Does the principle of further education always make a better teacher? We all have had, during our school experience, some teacher who had taken more courses than vitamin-pills, and was not the least bit better as a teacher, for all his education. He just didn't have that "spark". How do you reward the teacher with the "spark"?

How much supervision, and how many individual supervisors are necessary? Certainly, during the first years of teaching, an experienced supervisor can lead a neophyte along the road of pedagogical righteousness. But the time

comes when a teacher who is conscientious and capable needs very little, if any, supervision. If a teacher continues to need such supervision after due saturation with educational courses and experience, he or she shouldn't be getting any increment in salary. We don't know how many supervisors there are in our system; we hope that the effect of the salary schedule will be to eliminate the necessity for some of these.

As we have stated, these are problems that plague all school committees, not just ours. In the light of Sputnik, perhaps some day we will find the answers.

THE OTHER AGED

This town has expressed by town vote its concern for the aged who live in sub-standard housing. Whether this expression will ever amount to more than a pious gesture remains to be seen. A housing project with no site is hardly a practical proposition.

But there remains another group of aged in this town-and in towns and cities all over the nation - whose plight is not even recognized. These are the aged who live in their own homes - homes that are definitely not non-standard.

Their plight is not easily recognized by the non-discerning. The homes are well built; there may be a nice plot of land surrounding them; perhaps there are extra buildings around, a garage or a barn or a carriage shed. The inhabitants dress respectably; they keep up the social amenities as much as possible.

What, then, is their plight? The sad fact is that - through no fault of their own - they can no longer afford to live in homes which they have inhabited for thirty or forty or more years.

These people earned their money during "hard money" days; and that word hard has two meanings. It was solid currency, and it was darn hard to come by. They weathered a depression; somehow by dint of sweat, blood and tears, they forestalled the foreclosing of the mortgage. By the time the big earnings of World War II came, they had passed their

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TOWN NOTES

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Monitor Available

You can now enjoy the Christian Science Monitor at the town library, according to information received from the trustees. Good reading, folks.

Cooperation

It was two Wilmington people who came to the rescue of the B&M on Sunday morning. Rusty Brabant, who drives a cab from the North Wilmington station, discovered the damaged cross-tree at the North Wilmington crossing. He promptly called the B&M, reversing the charge. Roy Bedell, a tower man of the B&M at North Station, accepted the call.

"Why should I pay for the call?" says Rusty. That seemed to be Roy's thought, too.

Electric Charge

With all the to-do there has been about the Christmas lighting in the square, we wonder how many people realize that even the electric bill is being taken care of by the Christmas lighting fund. A separate meter registers the juice used by those Yule-tide decorations and the bill will be paid from the collection made. It is largely because of this electric bill, which will not be available till the end of the month, that the list of expenditures cannot appear in this paper for several weeks. For a list of the contributors to the fund, see last week's Town Crier.

Sappy Story

How sappy can you get? A maple tree on High Street is dripping the stuff. Get the bucket out, Abner.

Mr Shebany

It was our pleasure to be an acquaintance of the man on Cook Hill who the Boston papers chose to make a 'recluse' etc in their headlines Monday. He was a nice quiet gentleman whose only occupation was a monthly trip to South Boston to see old friends. Nearly blind, and hard of hearing, he was one of the most innocuous individuals we ever knew.

Which brings up the point. We were very much surprised, a few years ago to learn that the Wilmington police had to be called one fine day to stop a fight between Mr. Shebany and one of his neighbors, who was as we recall it over 75 years old. It must have been some fight.



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most productive years; the money bonanza never benefited them.

They lived thriftily and saved for their old age. Some got in under the social security system; others never did. They retired after long years of labor with a few thousand dollars in the bank or in war-bonds, thinking that they had sufficient cash saved to carry them through their old age.

And what happened? The money that they saved by dint of scrimping and saving within a few short years lost fifty per-cent of its value. The house that they saved from foreclosure is taxed today two to four hundred percent of what it was taxed when they were in their earning years. The old, high ceilings which were the style when they built cost them a fortune in oil. They pay through the nose for the extra frontage they have on their street. They don't dare to call a doctor except in dire emergencies; a doctor's fee today can easily represent the savings of a month or more, when these aged were making their money. And they are absolutely helpless against these economic forces which are attacking them.

What can they do? Tear down the barn or garage? That makes no sense to anyone, not even a tax-collector. Sell some of their frontage? It can't be done; these people, by and large, haven't enough frontage for an additional house lot, and who is going to buy a plot fifteen feet wide and forty feet deep? What can you do about high ceilings and big rooms that are eating the owner out of house and home? Sell and get out? Do you ask a man or a woman in their seventies to go through the trials of real estate transactions? Do you tell a widow or a widower or an old pair to leave the home in which they have raised their families, the home in which they have paid taxes for thirty and forty years, to get up and get out at that point of their lives? And chances are that if they should sell, the money they get would all be used up in the building or buying of a new home.

Had these people been of the canner type, they might have invested in stock instead of war bonds during the war years. But they weren't canny; they were only patriotic, following the pleas of a government which later defaulted in the value given back to the purchasers. War bonds, savings banks and blood banks these people understand; not Wall Street.

And let's not talk glibly about the fact that they (or some of them) are getting social security. There is something very pathetic about a seventy-year older receiving forty dollars a month in Social security—money which he earned—and paying out thirty-five dollars a month in local taxes. What kind of social security is that?

When does a person's financial obligation to society end? How many times in a life time must a person pay the value of his house in taxes? To how many generations of children should one married couple contribute in the line of education? Is there to be no financial peace for some people until the grave?

We don't have the answers. We know this much: these senior citizens don't want charity; they never have. They only want an honest return on their hard-earned dollars. And that, they have been cheated of by the times.

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RECLUSE (cont. from Fr. Pg.)

Bank Books

Chief Lynch disclosed that two bank books were found in the house, one with a balance of \$5000.00 and one with a balance of \$2700.00. Shebany also owned stock in New England Tel & Tel and in the American Telephone Company. He was also the owner of two apartments in Boston, each of which paid \$50.00 a month in rent.

A friend - a Boston attorney - has been appointed administrator of the estate and will take care of the funeral arrangements. Shebany is believed to have relatives in New York and a daughter in Syria. He will be buried in a Boston cemetery where he has long owned a lot.

The body was discovered by the local police after notification by Woburn police that the house had apparently been ransacked.

Lived Alone

Shebany lived alone in the house with a cat and a dog. He took good care of the animals, as evidenced by their sleek condition and by the number of empty cans of cat and dog food found among the debris in the house.

Neighbors had little contact with the old man. He made several trips a week to Woburn for shopping purposes, but otherwise kept pretty much to himself.

Visitors

Woburn police had been notified of the death by two Boston people who came out to visit Shebany, a Mrs. Gretchen Martell of South Boston, and her son, Stewart.

Mrs. Ravagni had four passengers in her car, all children. They were Ines and Charles Ravagni, her children, and Richard LeBoeuf and Donne Pelligrini, foster children. There were no personal injuries, but considerable damage was done to the car.

Mrs. Ravagni explains that she was about to drive to Boston to her mother with some eggs she had just purchased. Her mother never received the eggs. They remain, in a scrambled condition, in her car.

Mrs. Marion Boylen of Williams avenue was a witness to the accident.

TROOP 57 ROLL CALL TOMORROW NIGHT

Troop 57, Boy Scouts of America will hold their annual roll call tomorrow evening, preparatory to the granting of its 1958 Charter. Scouts who do not have their names registered as being in the 1958 listing should make an effort to be present.

Thomas Coombs, former member of the Troop, and one of Wilmington's Eagle Scouts is now to be the Scoutmaster of the Troop. Coombs has just been discharged after service with the United States Air Force.

Assistant Scoutmaster is to be Mike Rosa Junior.

The troop will again be sponsored by the West Wilmington Community Club. The Troop Committee will consist of Mike Rosa Sr., Dr. Morris Kelman, Anthony Micalizzi, Walter Rogers and Joseph Francis Sr.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

The Church Cabinet will meet at the parsonage Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts Friday at 7:00 p.m. - The Church Nominating Committee will meet at the parsonage Friday at 8:00 p.m. to draw up a slate of officers and chairmen for the annual meeting which will be held on January 26th.

New Year's Communion Service will be celebrated at both services next Sunday morning. New members will be received at the 11 o'clock service.

The Center. Ranch Associates will meet in the parish house on Monday at 8:00 p.m. and Mr. Thomas Marsh will show a film on the laying of the Atlantic Cable.

The Finance Committee will meet in the parish house on Monday at 8:00 p.m., one week earlier than usual.

The monthly meeting of the L.R.S. will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 8th, with the following program. Bible study group at 9:45 a.m. Executive Board at 10:00. Work for Friendly Service. Dessert Lunch. Devotions and business meeting. The speaker of the day will be Mrs. Stuart Tarr of Lynn, formerly of Wilmington, who will show slides of a foreign tour. The hostesses for the day will be the Center Branch.

All reports for the annual meeting must be in the hands of the minister by next Sunday January 5th.

RAIL ROAD CROSS TREE BROKEN

For the second time within eight days, the railroad cross tree which holds the flasher light unit at the North Wilmington crossing has been broken. Early on Sunday morning, December 22nd, and again on

Sunday morning, the 29th, the cross tree was dislodged apparently by a truck driving between the station and the rails.

The signal maintenance crew was promptly on the spot to repair the damage.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

NOW HEAR THIS--

The officers and crew members of Ship No. 59 would like to thank all the ex-sailors, coastguardsmen, and merchant mariners for the response given in the uniform drive.

We are still looking for some dress blue uniforms in the small size.

We need them more than the moths. How about it?

Call Oliver 8-4674, OL 8-3297 OL 8-2813 or OL 8-4552 and we will gladly pick them up.

Thank You,

Skipper Henry Hesse
P.S. We are also looking for a Bosun's spiie, any condition.

(Editor's Note: Henry Hesse is skipper of the sea-scouts here in Wilmington. As the letter indicates, the sea-scouts have been conducting a drive for uniforms.)

LADIES' NIGHT TO CONTINUE

The Wilmington Recreation Commission wishes to announce that Ladies' Night will con-

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tinue according to regular schedule following the holiday lay-off. Commencing on Jan. 8 and until further notice, a program for adults will be offered each Wednesday evening at the High School Gym. Such games as badminton, volleyball, basketball, and physical culture will be available on these nights for women.

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POLIO VACCINE (cont. from Fr. Pg.)

The Board of Health are urged to do so at once if they wish their children to be eligible for the clinic in January. To be eligible, children must be six months old by February 1st.

If parents wish to have their children vaccinated by their family physician, they should still register with the board of health. The vaccine will be made available to the physician of their choice, if available.

Expectant mothers are eligible for the vaccine. They should make their requests to their family doctor.

BRIDGE LANE COLLISION

At 4:30 p.m. on December 27, a car driven by Mr. Frank Larson of Shawsheen Street collided at the intersection of Main Street and Bridge Lane with a car driven by Mrs. Grace Ravagni of Fay Street. The Larson car, which was coming out of Bridge Lane, failed to stop at the intersection and struck the Ravagni car on the right front fender. Mrs. Ravagni was headed toward Wilmington square.

The impact drove Mrs. Ravagni's car across the street, where it narrowly escaped an impact with two trees.

Larson was found guilty at the Woburn Court on the 28th for drunken driving.



NOTABLE CONSTRUCTION IN WILMINGTON IN 1957

The biggest construction in Wilmington, and one of the largest projects in Massachusetts in 1957 is the \$15 million Research & Development laboratory of the AVCO Corp. building on Lowell Street (upper left)

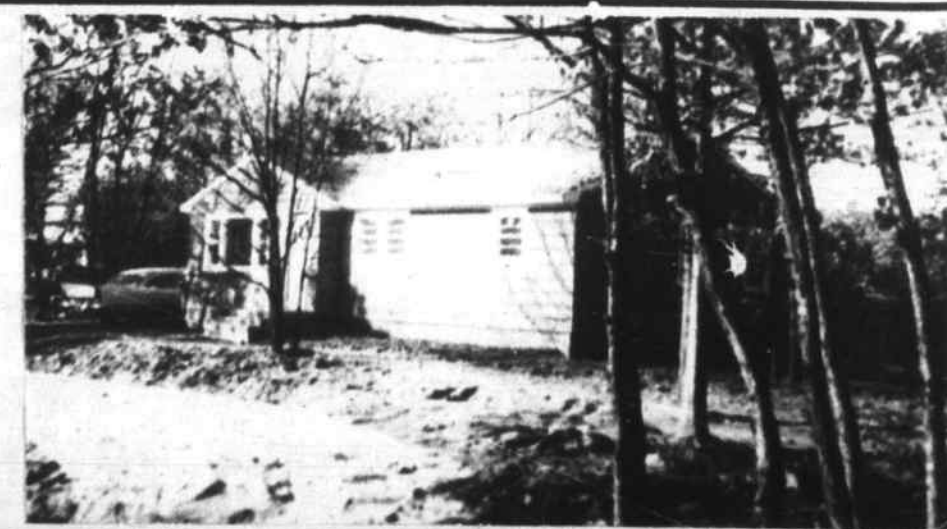
Upper right is the new store of John Lucci, at Perry's corner, not yet opened. In the same building is the Beautirama beauty shop, operated by Mrs. Leroy Ferguson.

Second row, left, is one of the new homes built by the Esquire Estates in North Wilmington. Beside it is the new Gulf Service Station of the Anderson Brothers, in North Wilmington.

The new Valente home, on Oakridge Circle, in North Wilmington, one of the better homes built in Wilmington in 1957. Beside it is the new Centrella home, on Woburn St., which is beside the home of the senior Centrella, which was featured in last year's January first issue.

The Frank Mango home, on Del Drive, off Burlington Avenue, which is one of the finer homes built this year. Beside it is the new home of Dr. John R. Marshall, on Lowell Street.

Bottom row, left, the periera home, off Oak Street, in North Wilmington, which is reported to have cost in excess of \$20 thousand. To the right is one of the homes being constructed off Shawsheen Avenue by the F & H Realty Trust, the first to build on 60,000 square foot lots in Wilmington.



WILMINGTON SCHOOL BUDGET 1958		
Salaries	\$18,900.00	
Non-Salary Items	\$2,235.00	
3. Health Salaries	\$9,400.00	\$10,550.00
Non-Salary Items	\$1,150.00	
4. Utilities		\$10,200.00
5. Transportation		\$41,558.00
6. Auxiliary Agencies Salaries	\$3,100.00	\$14,950.00
Non-Salary Items	11,850.00	
7. Capital Outlay		\$2,200.00
8. Contingency Account Salaries	\$8,000.00	\$16,000.00
Non-Salary Items	8,000.00	
Total Salaries	\$518,232.95	
Non-Salary Items	101,493.00	
Grand Total		\$619,725.95
School Budget		
1. General Control		
100 School Committee 1957	1958	
101 Salary: Clerk \$300.00		\$300.00
102 Non-Salary Items 600.00		600.00
110 Superintendent's Office		
111 Salaries \$15,050.00		\$16,800.00
112 Non-Salary Items 1,700.00		1,700.00
120 Child Accounting		
121 Salaries \$1,290.00		\$1,800.00
122 Non Salary Items 165.00		None
2. Expense of Instruction		
200 Directors and Supervisors		
201 Salaries \$22,550.00		\$27,066.64
202 Non-Salary Items 150.00		None
210 High School		
211 Salaries (A) \$177,743.33		\$207,383.17

212 Texts & Instructional Aids 6,050.00	7,275.00	
213 Stationery & Supplies 8,100.00	10,500.00	
220 Elementary Schools		
221 Salaries \$198,233.32	\$293,633.14	
222 Texts & Instructional Aids 6,570.00	7,560.00	
223 Stationery & Supplies 5,260.00	6,900.00	
231 Substitute Teachers 5,700.00	7,250.00	
241 Evening Schools 5,000.00	5,500.00	
3. Health		
301 Salaries: Physicians \$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	
311 School Nurses 7,066.66	7,900.00	
312 Supplies 400.00	400.00	
313 Mental Health Clinic 300.00	750.00	
4. Utilities		
412 High School \$3,960.00	\$4,700.00	
422 Elementary 5,230.00	5,500.00	
5. Transportation		
502 Bus Transportation \$36,423.00	\$38,173.00	
512 Taxi 1,780.00	1,260.00	
522 Athletic Transportation 1,350.00	1,625.00	
532 Out of State Travel 500.00	500.00	
6. Auxiliary Agencies		
602 Libraries \$2,200.00	\$2,600.00	
612 Physical Education & Athletics \$5,000.00	5,000.00	

621 Cafeteria Supervisor 2,880.00	3,100.00	
622 Cafeteria Subsidy 3,000.00	3,000.00	
642 Educational TV None	750.00	
7. Capital Outlay		
702 New Equipment (B) \$4,000.00	\$2,200.00	
8. Contingency Account		
802 Special Education \$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	
811 Sick Leave, Tuberculosis 7,000.00	8,000.00	
(A) Items 211 and 221 reduced \$6,000.00 by vote of Annual Town Meeting.		
(B) Item 702 reduced \$1,200.00 by vote of Annual Town Meeting.		
Total Salaries \$436,813.31	\$518,232.95	
Non Salary Items 93,238.00	101,493.00	
Grand Total \$530,051.31	\$619,725.95	
*Grand Total \$522,851.31 (Reduced by Vote of Annual Town Meeting)		

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES NEW SALARY SCHEDULES

The Wilmington School Committee has announced a new salary schedule for teachers, effective September 1, 1958. The controversial dependency allowance will be discontinued as of the same date. The committee, in establishing the new schedule, has had the difficult job of reconciling conflicting demands. The salary schedule has to be high enough to compete for teachers of quality with towns of

similar size. At the same time the interests of the tax payer had to be considered, especially since approximately seventy-five percent of the local tax dollar is consumed in the operational cost of education. The schedule, as established, follows:

YEARS IN SERVICE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	MASTER'S DEGREE
1	\$3800.00	\$4000.00
2	4000.00	4200.00
3	4200.00	4400.00
4	4400.00	4600.00
5	4600.00	4800.00
6	4800.00	5000.00
7	5000.00	5200.00
8	5200.00	5400.00
9	5400.00	5600.00

Increments are granted at the rate of \$200.00 each year according to the following plan: a. Bachelor's or less: six semester hours every three years. b. Master's or Bachelor's plus 15 years' experience: three semester hours every three years.

In lieu of graduate courses, teachers may take workshop courses, in service programs, or author creative works or publications. These will be evaluated by the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee.

Reimbursements

Teachers who signify their intention to continue teaching in Wilmington will be reimbursed fifty per-cent of tuition charges for the successful completion of approved courses.

Differentials

Differentials in pay are as follows: Principal, High School, \$1800; Assistant Principal, High School, \$900.00; Guidance Director, \$600.00; Assistant

Guidance Director, \$300.00; Head of Department, \$50.00 per teacher; Driver Education, \$500.00; Supervising Principal Elementary Schools, \$1500.00; Principal's Assistant, Elementary, \$50.00 per teacher, if there are ten teachers or less, \$500.00 if there are more than ten teachers; Special Class Teacher, \$500.00; Director, Physical Education and Athletics, \$1100; Director of Music, all schools, \$700.00; Supervisors, \$600.00; Football, Head Coach, \$600.00; Football, Assistant Coach, \$200.00; Baseball, Head Coach, \$275.00; Baseball, Assistant Coach, \$175.00; Basketball, Head Coach, \$275.00; Basketball, Assistant Coach, \$175.00; Faculty Manager of Athletics, \$300.00; Coach of Girls' Sports \$400.00; Assistant Coach of Girls' Sports, \$200.00; Intramural Coach, Boys, \$400.00; Jr. High Coach, Football, \$200.00; Jr. High Coach, Baseball, \$175.00; Track Coach, \$175.00.

LOCAL MAN INVOLVED IN WOBURN ACCIDENT

On Christmas Day, a Dodge sedan owned and operated by Alfred S. Bacon Jr. of Main St collided with a car owned by Freda Skedgell of Woburn. The accident occurred at 12:45 at the intersection of Pleasant and Common Streets in Woburn. Mrs. Skedell, a nurse, was a passenger in her car and received neck injuries. She was treated at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. Dina partanello of Woburn who was driving the Skedgell car was apparently uninjured.

A RESUME OF THE FIRST PAGE OF THE TOWN MANAGER'S BUDGET AS SUBMITTED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE 1958 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

	Expended 1953	Expended 1954	Expended 1955	Expended 1956	Appropriated 1957	Department Request 1958	Town Manager Recommends 1958
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	47,160.90	55,121.38	61,283.93	66,096.22	68,377.00	87,246.00	78,081.00
PROTECTION PERSONS & PROPERTY	88,460.47	112,807.70	138,207.95	174,658.00	180,244.00	260,191.00	184,739.00
PUBLIC WORKS	125,376.76	120,055.48	125,165.27	187,414.76	187,454.96	209,953.00	150,623.00
HEALTH & SANITATION	6,829.81	18,363.11	21,915.88	23,527.24	24,250.00	34,949.00	32,110.00
CHARITIES & VETERANS AID	77,639.30	91,595.38	93,668.53	88,194.03	89,440.00	104,218.00	103,718.00
SCHOOLS	329,689.58	381,137.37	453,742.76	534,271.16	556,974.69	658,405.00	645,503.00
LIBRARY & RECREATION	3,610.64	9,057.12	10,039.17	13,198.05	13,671.00	15,381.00	15,381.00
UNCLASSIFIED & RESERVE	19,671.67	22,695.23	38,906.32	43,434.13	39,829.12	46,000.00	35,400.00
MATURING DEBT & INTEREST	68,835.52	107,663.33	114,034.76	170,932.64	165,057.50	247,059.00	247,059.00
SUB TOTAL: BUDGET APPROPRIATION	767,297.15	918,496.10	1,056,964.27	1,301,726.23	1,324,298.27	1,633,402.00	1,492,614.00
ADD:							
STATUTORY CHARGES			62,297.52	74,756.93	85,769.98	90,000.00	90,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES			22,634.55	4,354.60	17,537.22	20,000.00	20,000.00
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED					1,514,269.11	1,773,402.00	1,602,614.00
LESS:							
AVAILABLE FUNDS			113,552.00	136,738.00	59,828.14		
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS			320,486.78	362,254.36	388,826.00	388,000.00	388,000.00
TOTAL TAX LEVY					1,065,614.97	1,385,402.00	1,214,614.00
LESS: POLL TAX			5,428.00	5,776.00	6,054.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
PROPERTY TAX LEVY					1,059,560.97	1,379,402.00	1,208,614.00
ASSESSED VALUATION			13,248,383.00	15,368,020.00	16,774,982.00	18,400,000.00	18,400,000.00
TAX RATE			56.00	58.00	62.80	75.00	65.50

ST DOROTHY'S PARISH

SUNDAY MASSES - St. Mary's 7, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 a.m. St. Dorothy's - 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
DAILY MASSES - 7 a.m.; Saturdays at 8 a.m.
CONFESSIONS - Saturday at St. Dorothy's Hall at 3:30; at St. Mary's at 4 and 7:30
For New Years confessions, Tuesday at 7:30 at St. Mary's.
BAPTISMS - Sunday at the Rectory, 11 Hamden St., Wilmington

ton at 2 p.m. (No appointment necessary).
NEW YEARS DAY - Masses the same as Sunday
FIRST FRIDAY - There will be Holy Hour at 7:30. This devotion in honor of Our Lord's Sacred Heart, and essentially one of reparation for our sins against Divine Love, is for all parishioners and in particular for the members of the Sodality of our Blessed Lady. We do hope that you will give one hour each month. At this

devotion, we all pray together for ourselves, our families, our nation, etc.
WHIST PARTIES - Jan. 3, Frances Nolan; Jan. 10, Helen Barsky; Jan. 17, the Misses Neal, Lacey, McGinnis, Richards, Otis, and Daniel Barry; Jan. 24 Mrs. Joseph Cunningham; Jan. 31 Ladies of the Parish.
Blitz parties will start again Tuesday evening Jan. 7th at 8:30.

ST. THOMAS NEWS

MASSSES: Sunday: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 o'clock
Weekday: 7:00 and 7:30 a.m.
FRIDAY: First Friday Masses are at 6, 7, and 9 a.m.
7:45 p.m. - Sacred Heart devotions followed by a meeting of our Lady's Sodality. All women of the parish are invited and expected to attend if possible.
SATURDAY: 10 a.m. Religious classes for grades 2 through 6
7:45 p.m. - Our Lady of Fatima Novena.

NEXT SUNDAY: Communion Day for the women of the parish.

ATLANTIC FOOD MART TO EXPAND

The Atlantic Food Mart of Reading, established in 1922 will be opening it's second unit in North Reading. The tentative opening date is scheduled for sometime in June.



PACK 58 OF THE CUB SCOUTS PRESENTED THE COMMUNITY FUND WITH A LARGE COLLECTION OF CANNED GOODS AT THEIR CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE SILVER LAKE BETTERMENT HALL, DEC 21ST. GROUPED BEHIND THE SPINACH, ETC. ARE DAVID BOERI, KENNY WILSON, RICHARD WALLER, DENNIS LICARI, THOMAS HAMILTON, AND EDWARD IZZO.

CHARTER MEMBER

Robert Swanso of 58 Brand Ave is a charter member of the first New England student chapter of the American Society for Quality Control which has been established at Wentworth Institute. Twenty-two other students are also charter members, according to a release from Wentworth.

There are more than 10,000 engineers and technicians in the national society throughout the country.

RAINBOW DANCE

Wilmington Assembly No. 52, Order of the Rainbow for Girls held a semi-formal dance, Friday evening, December 27th at the Wildwood School. Music was furnished by the 'Del Tones'.

Miss Edythe Carnes, Worthy Advisor, was in charge of arrangements for the dance. Chairmen of her committees were Miss Beth Byam, decorations; Miss Sandra Jensen, refreshments, and Miss Janet Peters, publicity.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Queen of the dance. Miss Polyanna Smith was chosen, and her escort, Mr. John Tobey, was king. Miss Carnes presented the Queen with a flowered crown and a bouquet of roses.

SERVICES FOR ROBERT TRISKO

A Requiem High Mass was celebrated in the Gate of Heaven Church, South Boston on Monday for the late Robert C. Trisko of Woburn Street.

Trisko, a World War II veteran, died suddenly on December 27th. He had been ailing for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Vera (Bianchi) of Wilmington, and by a brother and a sister, both of Minnesota. Trisko, who has lived in Wilmington for about three years, was 36 years old.

The William Spencer Funeral Home was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Trisko had served in the Coast Guard during the war.

BIRTHS

HAYWOOD, Ronald David born December 18 at Somerville Hospital to Mr and Mrs Frank M. Haywood, Jr., 30 Hathaway Road North Wilmington.

Grandparents are Mr and Mrs George Willard of Somerville and Mr and Mrs Frank M. Haywood, Sr., of Arlington.

RECUPERATING

Mr. Otto Bischoff of Burlington Ave. is recuperating at the Winchester Hospital from an operation performed the day before Christmas.

HOSPITALIZED

Mr. Frank Hillis of Clark St. has been confined to the Winchester Hospital for the past two weeks. His condition is improving.

COLLEGE STUDENTS HOME FOR XMAS

Union College

A number of college students have been spending their Christmas vacations with their parents in Wilmington. Among them are Anne Fiske, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Lawrence Fiske of Church Street; Peter Leavitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leavitt of Hathaway Acres; Al Kitchener, son of Mr and Mrs. Albert Kitchener of Aldrich Road; all these young people are attending Union College at Barbourville, Ky.

Bill and Doris Campbell, now of Kentucky, have been spending much of their Christmas leave in their former hometown, too. Bill is a student at Union College, and Doris is secretary to the assistant to the president of the college.

Framingham

Two students from Framingham Teachers' College are spending their vacation with their parents here in Wilmington. They are Barbara Odiorne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Odiorne of Lowell Street and Nancy Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neils Anderson of Park Street.

B. U.

Jane Randell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Randell of West Street is home from B. U. School of Nursing.

Bowdoin

Bobby Hamilton, a senior at Bowdoin College, Bowdoin, Me. is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Hamilton of Church Street.

New Hampton

Kenneth Lyons, a junior at New Hampton School, New Hampton, New Hampshire, is spending his vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lyons of North Wilmington. At the annual fall sports banquet held recently, Lyons was awarded a junior varsity soccer letter.

Bouve-Boston

Jeanne Ashworth, a sophomore in the physical education course at Bouve-Boston School, which is affiliated with Tufts University is enjoying the Christmas recess from her studies. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Ashworth of Church Street.

SKATING WINNERS

Members of the Wilmington Skating Club enjoyed a successful opening of the 1958 skating season by winning many prizes at the Holiday Ice Carnival held at the Lynn Skating Arena on last Thurs. evening.

Wilmington skaters took many prizes at this event, sponsored by the Northeastern Skating Association. Among the prize-winning skaters were: Clyde McKay, 1st place, Junior Boys; Celia Spears, 2nd place, Junior Girls; Ruth Santos, 3rd place, Junior Girls. Patty Fiske and Eileen Tupper tied for 3rd place in the Juvenile Girls events. Jeff Williamson was 3rd in the Juvenile Boys.

Among the midgets who took prizes were Chester Hooper, who took 2nd place and David Zano, who took 3rd. Alice Perry took 2nd and Joyce Chinn took 3rd among the Midget Girls.

In the Special Midget events, Lennie Galvin took 1st and Leo O'Connell took 3rd prize for the boys; Nancy Weinberg took 1st, Nancy Hersom, 2nd, and Phyllis De Coste and Janice

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Perry tied for 3rd.

Among the Pee Wee's, Danny O'Connell got the 1st prize, while Drew and David O'Connell tied for second place. Barbara Maloney took 1st in the Pee Wee girls, Kathy Lowery took second, and Marie Hersom took the third prize.

Other Wilmington skaters making a good showing in the eliminations were Arthur Zano, Richard Waller, Paula Tupper, Johnnie Hersom and Dan Moeglin. The results show that Wilmington girls and boys will be continuing their traditions in the skating field.

IN TOWN FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Friends of Mr and Mrs Karl Woodman formerly of Brentwood Avenue were glad to see them over Christmas. They are now both teaching school in Connecticut.

Mr and Mrs Jack Reagan and their family were on from Virginia over New Year's. Jack formerly lived on Fairview Avenue. He was recently a Godfather for the Edward Water's new baby boy.

SKATERS ARE PRACTICING

The Wilmington skaters are getting in their practice for the Annual Winter Skating Carnival which is jointly sponsored by the Recreation Commission and the Wilmington Skating Club. Each year this event is held at the Skating Club and many prizes and trophies are awarded in all the classes. Other events to support this speed racing classic includes The Old Timers Race for Men and the Mother's Race for women.

Plans are now being made for a tentative date for the last Sunday in January.

Please Remit!—A woman in Burbank, Calif., who discovered that her marriage hadn't been legal, after all, immediately filed suit against her "husband" for \$25,000 for 8 years' work as secretary, bookkeeper and housekeeper.

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